

Docket No.: 050395-0373

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Masatada NUMANO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 7856
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Application No.: 10/579,442	:	Group Art Unit: 1793
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Filed: May 15, 2006	:	Examiner: Kevin P. KERNS
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For: CASTING NOZZLE	:	

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 17, 2009, wherein a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on September 17, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.